on July 29, 1991 to USQ No. 794 regarding unathorised occupation of land in Durga Park, Delhi and state the stage at which the matter stands at present?

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): DESU has reported that there is no change in this case since then.

Disinvestment of I.P.C.L. Shares

947. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to disinvest some shares of I.P.C.L.; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMCALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). Various alternatives including disinvestment of some shares have been suggested by IPCL for raising resources to meet the expenditure on its projects proposed for implementation during the VIIIth Five Year Plan. No decision has been taken in the matter.

[*Translation*]

Drinking Water in Rural Areas of Bihar

948. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes started by the Union Government in Ranchi District of Bihar during the last three years to provide drinking water to the rural people;

(b) the expenditure involved thereon and the number of village covered under these schemes;

(c) whether farmers of lower and backward class of the region are not being granted money under 'Jaldhara' scheme for the construction of wells; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Safe drinking water is being provided to the rural people in Bihar including Ranchi District under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and state sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP)

(b) The expenditure incurred and the number of villages covered under ARWSP and MNP in Ranchi District in Bihar during the last three years are as under:-

Year	*Expenditure (Rs. in lakhs)*	*No. of villages covered*
1988-89	174.03	165
1989-90	453.90	298
1990-91	277.85	272

(c) There is no Jaldhara scheme for the construction of wells for drinking water.

(d) Drinking water sources are provided under ARWSP and MNP.

[*English*]

Impact of Inflation on Eighth Plan

949. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission is aware of the present rate of inflation by which the financing of the Eighth Plan is likely to be affected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps contemplated by the Planning Commission to mobilised additional resources to finance the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The annual rate of inflation measured in terms of average Wholesale Price Index was 10.3 per cent in 1990-91 and 12.2 per cent during April-August, 1991.

(c) The steps contemplated by the Planning Commission to mobilise additional resources include: maintaining reasonable price stability, reversing the trend of dissaving in the government sector, and improving the operational efficiency of the public enterprises, besides maintaining a high rate of growth in the GDP and encouraging private savings.

[*Translation*]

Housing Schemes formulated by HUDCO

950. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of Housing Schemes formulated by HUDCO in the small towns during each of the last three years, State-wise and the target achieved thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): HUDCO does not formulate housing schemes. It, however, provides financial assistance for implementation of housing projects formulated by State and local level housing agencies in rural and urban areas. State-wise loans sanctioned by HUDCO during the last three years for construction of houses in urban areas is given in the statement below:-

Separate breakup for small towns is not available.

Sl. No.	*Name of the State*	*Loan sanctioned (Rs. in crores)*		
		88-89	89-90	90-91
1.	Andhra Pradesh	43.42	42.70	80.25
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2.60	1.41	-
3.	Assam	3.57	3.65	25.44
4.	Bihar	7.16	17.29	24.50